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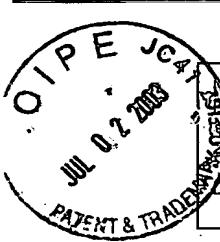
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 4-24-03

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Dear Sir:

This paper in response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2003 (Paper No. 5).

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Barrett et al. (U.S. Patent 5,336,261).

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and requests reconsideration. No claims have been amended.

B. Rejection of Claims 1-17 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) is Improper

The Action rejects claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by Barrett et al. (U.S. Patent 5,336,261). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The Action contends that the Barrett reference discloses "a corneal inlay lens having a body form from a material with an index of refraction substantially the same as that of corneal tissue; the body having two surface and joining each other at the periphery of the lens; and the thickness of the edge being less than about 15 micrometers."

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